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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 17, 2009, for which a response was due on October 17, 2009. A Petition for a two-month Extension of Time is attached hereto to extend the deadline for response to December 17, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.